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LCO No. 1757



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS' ACCESS TO
PATIENT RECORDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-906 of the 2016 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (b) (1) A telehealth provider shall only provide telehealth services to
5 a patient when the telehealth provider: (A) Is communicating through
6 real-time, interactive, two-way communication technology or store and
7 forward technologies; (B) has access to, or knowledge of, the patient's
8 medical history, as provided by the patient, [and] or the patient's
9 health record, including the name and address of the patient's primary
10 care provider, if any; (C) conforms to the standard of care applicable to
11 the telehealth provider's profession and expected for in-person care as
12 appropriate to the patient's age and presenting condition, except when
13 the standard of care requires the use of diagnostic testing and
14 performance of a physical examination, such testing or examination
15 may be carried out through the use of peripheral devices appropriate

16 to the patient's condition; and (D) provides the patient with the
17 telehealth's provider license number and contact information.

18 (2) At the time of the telehealth provider's first telehealth interaction
19 with a patient, the telehealth provider shall inform the patient
20 concerning the treatment methods and limitations of treatment using a
21 telehealth platform and, after providing the patient with such
22 information, obtain the patient's consent to provide telehealth services.
23 The telehealth provider shall document such notice and consent in the
24 patient's health record.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	19a-906(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a telehealth provider to provide telehealth services when the provider has access to, or knowledge of, the patient's medical history or the patient's health record.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]